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Ellensburg: state health officials revoke license of Lighthouse Motel

Owner failed to cooperate with health and safety officials

OLYMPIA — The Department of Health revoked the license of Lighthouse Motel in Ellensburg for refusing to cooperate with state and local investigators, denying them access to the facility. The motel is located at 607 West University Way.

In July, the department and the local fire marshal investigated complaints of health and safety violations at the motel. Allegations included improper disposal of garbage, improperly installed electrical equipment and gas connections, lack of water backflow protection, non-working smoke detectors, and lack of fire extinguishers.

Multiple attempts were made to contact the owner to investigate the allegations. In September, we served the motel's owner with a notice of correction directing the owner to contact us so we could inspect the property. The owner didn't respond. In January, we notified the owner that we would revoke his license based on failure to cooperate. The motel owner had 28 days to contest the revocation order and failed to respond. The revocation became effective last week. The owner no longer has a license to rent rooms as a motel under rules of the Transient Accommodation program.

Motels offering three or more units to guests for less than 30 days must be licensed by the state's Transient Accommodations Program. The program licenses about 1,700 motels, hotels, inns, resorts, and bed-and-breakfast facilities in the state. It enforces health and safety standards for those establishments.

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